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LONG LITERARY GAZETTE ARTICLE BY N. MOLCHANOV RE FRENCH
GOVERNMENT CRISIS AND PROJECTS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM ENDS
WITH POSSIBILITY OF DE GAULLE ACCESSION TO POWER AND DECLARES:
"MANY CANNOT BUT BE ATTRACTED BY FACT THAT DE GAULLE STANDS
FOR MORE INDEPENDENT FOREIGN POLITICAL COURSE, FOR SOBER APPROACH
TO COLONIAL PROBLEMS." PRENCH PUBLICIST MAURICE DUVIERGE WAS
ALSO CITED TO EFFECT THAT QUESTION IS NOT IF BUT WHEN DE GAULLE
WILL HEAD GOVERNMENT.

COMMENT: THOUGH WRITER AND PAPER ARE NOT ESPECIALLY AUTHORITATIVE ON POREIGN APPAIRS, IT IS INTERESTING THAT TONE SHOWS PREFERENCE POR DEGAULLE. SOVIETS MAY PEEL HE WOULD REPRESENT DIFFICULT PROBLEM FOR NATO ALLIANCE AND BRING ABOUT POLARIZED INTERNAL SITUATION IN PRANCE ENABLING COMMUNISTS TO GAIN NEW ALLIES.

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